

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Ned Andrew WALKER

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For: HERMETICALLY SEALED CONTAINER AND VACUUM TEST SUBSTANCE-
COLLECTING CONTAINER

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 25, 2008, Applicant submits the following remarks.

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects *Species I, FIGS. 1 and 3* for examination on which all currently pending claims are readable.

Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the fact that FIG. 2 is not an independent embodiment, but is instead merely a detailed semi-sectional view which shows a partially cutout portion of a stopper of the sealed container shown in FIG. 1. For example, page